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CHRISTMAS MUSINGS.

"How easy it is to sneer at and say, 'I don't believe.' Incredulity has become in our age the mark of ignorance. In old times credulity was the mark of it. But the masses ever follow the opinions of the learned men, in time. By the year 1750 it was the fashion among the learned to deny and discredit everything like superstition and belief in signs, wonders, witches, fortune telling, and the like. The Bible and miracles were explained away. By the year 1825 the masses generally imitated the learned. Unbelief was extreme. By 1850 who believed in the moon's influence, in 'water witches,' or in a thousand other former creeds of the kind?"

A wise old philosopher once said, "It is never safe to discredit entirely any widespread, long existing belief of the people." And now to-day we are seeing that he was a wise man uttering a profound truth. Slowly, during the past forty years, has it been discovered that even the most seemingly absurd superstitions had some foundations of truth in them. The moon is now recognized as the greatest factor in our weather phenomena. Science declares that if there were no moon and no planets in our system—but our earth and the sun—each day of the year would be precisely the same as the day of the year preceding. And those who have the management of great enterprises, requiring supplies of water, are sure to consult "water witches." Some few persons receive large salaries simply because they can find metals by their peculiar sensations in passing over the veins where they exist. Healing the sick by touching is much more common by the practice than was homeopathy forty years ago. Wonderful cures are done at a distance by persons who never see their patients and use no medicine or visible communication. Scientific men of world-wide fame have been engaged on crucial experimenting in the regions of the mysterious, the awful and unearthly, and report, one after the other, of wonders surpassing the Arabian Nights. "Behold! They are even true."

At this Christmas time is it not meet to seriously reflect on these things, in view of the fact, that, while so many are casting about for a new religion with more science and philosophy in it than faith, and are looking for a new coming of something, we are rejoicing in the social and spiritual influence upon all modern life of Him who said that they who came after Him should not only perform the same wonders that He did, but should work even greater ones. Truly, eyes have we, yet see not; ears, and hear not. The great things to come are upon us, around us, and even under our feet. And the question as to the future life of even one human being is of far more importance than all the things of this world put together, if this mortal is ever to put on immortality. MRS.

A Fine Piece of Work.

The West Shore for January is to be one of the finest issues that successful journal has known. This edition is to be devoted to Salem and many superior illustrations have been prepared for it. This magazine is the only one on the coast that is prepared for the execution of such artistic work. Even from the east, Mr. Samuels receives many orders for illustrations. This New Year number of the West Shore will be a treat to your friends over the mountains. You should get a few copies and work a little as an immigration agent.

SCIENTIFIC SQUILLS.

Self massage for the cure of dyspepsia is a new notion.

Wine is now aged by electricity, the wine by this means acquiring all the bouquet of old wine.

It is reported that the storage batteries on the Brussels tramway have deteriorated so that the cost is increased to nearly 11 cents per car mile, as against 10 cents for horse power.

The omnipresent microbe has been detected in bolts. This discovery shows that the method of poulticing is wrong, as the heat and moisture aid the development of the microbe. An antiseptic treatment is best.

It is a curious fact that a fat hog may still and eat a rattlesnake with impunity, for reason that the snake drives its fang into fat, but does not reach the blood vessels; thin hog has no such shield and must bew.

An agent of the forestry department, Harris, has reached the conclusion that rings on trees are not an accurate record of the age of the tree. Mr. Harris has found twelve rings in trees only 5 years old, five trees 8 years old, and eleven in those of 5 years.

Perfume the new tanning agent, is tanned by digesting coal tar with caustic soda at a boil and neutralizing the result, liquor with hydrochloric acid. The invention claims it is only half as costly as the best process and from 20 to 30 per cent cheaper than the usual process.

According to an English authority, world consumes annually 636,000 tons of coffee, which at an average price of \$4 represents a value of \$2,544,000,000. Java grows the best coffee, next in order to Ceylon and East India, Java, Brazil, Colombia and the other Central American states Java produces the largest crop.

A correspondent of The English Mechanic says "I once asked a foreman in a known bell foundry whether putting silver in a melting pot was of advantage. He replied, of great advantage—to the founder the silver sinks to the bottom, the four pours off the copper and tin and when silver has cooled, puts it in his pocket."

A Boston genius has been estimating candle power of the moon. By comparison with an electric lamp of 400 candle power a certain distance he finds the light of moon to be 134,000,000,000,000,000. This, calculates, is about the number of candles placed one-half inch apart, it would take over one-half the surface of the moon.

In a recent Chinese procession at San Francisco there was a great dragon in effigy which was manipulated by electricity. On pressing a button the current caused the huge jaws of the monster to fly open, displaying frightful fangs and forked tongues darting fire. A other series of wires produced frightful convulsions and emitted sheets of fire from its nostrils.

THE LATEST IN JEWELS.

A daisy, having a topaz center and diamond paved petals, makes a beautiful brooch.

A saddle, below which is a riding whip and bridle, in repousse, is a pleasing pattern watch boxes.

A leopard's head, handsomely marked, having topaz eyes, is a pretty addition to a jeweled scarf pin.

An oval shaped opal, around which coiled a snake of Roman gold, is a novel sign in scarf pins.

A dainty ladies' watch has a miniature painting in enamel on its back, surrounded by a ring of tiny gleaming pearls.

A peculiar brooch represents an alligator head. The scales are turquoises and the eyes are rubies surrounded by diamonds.

A tiny bell of Roman gold, the exterior completely covered with forget-me-nots, is a pleasing pattern in queen chain pendants.

A small heart shaped watch case in diamond gold, in the center of which is a bunch of daisies and flowers and grasses, is much admired.

A pinwheel of dull gold emitting sparks of crimson enamel is a design in scarf pins which reminds us that the day of pyrotechnics is not far off.

A pretty scarf pin of sardonyx represents the head of a negro jockey. The cap is gold, red and blue stripes being represented by rubies and sapphires.

An oxidized silver bonbonniere recently seen had upon the cover, in relief, a well executed mythological head. Around the rim at equal distances, were set six opals.

A pretty bracelet of Roman gold, representing short sections of a hollow reed, fastened together by gold squares. Small gems set in these reeds which show on top of the arm.

A popular pattern in oxidized silver match safes is of a size ample to hold the ordinary parlor matches, while the design, in repousse, represents a folded sail, a tiller and a coil of rope.

A watch shown by a downtown dealer would be entirely hidden by a twenty-five cent piece. On the back, in straight lines, are set thirty-seven brilliant and thirty-two rubies.

Among the handsomest miniature portrait brooches now shown is a painting of Deshauss on ivory. Surrounding it is a flashing circle of forty-five sparkling diamonds. —Jewelry Weekly.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Mrs. Oscar Wilde is fond of yellowish green gowns.

Mrs. Cleveland has become an enthusiast on tennis playing.

The Woman's Bicycle Club, of Washington, has over seventy members.

Lady Randolph Churchill is now one of the leading authorities on dress in London.

Mrs. Henri Labouchere, wife of the editor of London Truth, is making political speeches in England.

The queen of Spain recently gave Sarah Bernhardt a bouquet tied in ribbon and secured by a splendid sapphire mounted with diamonds.

Mrs. Zerelda G. Wallace, who is generally referred to as the mother of Gen. Lew Wallace, is in reality his stepmother. His mother died when he was a boy.

Gen. Boulanger's mother, who is a Welsh woman, is 84 years of age. She lives quietly at Ville d'Avray. Her son is very kind to her, and has always shown her a great deal of attention.

The king of Holland's heiress, the Princess Wilhelmina, aged 7 years, has been betrothed to the 19-year-old prince of Saxony-Weimar. The marriage will unite Saxony-Weimar and Holland.

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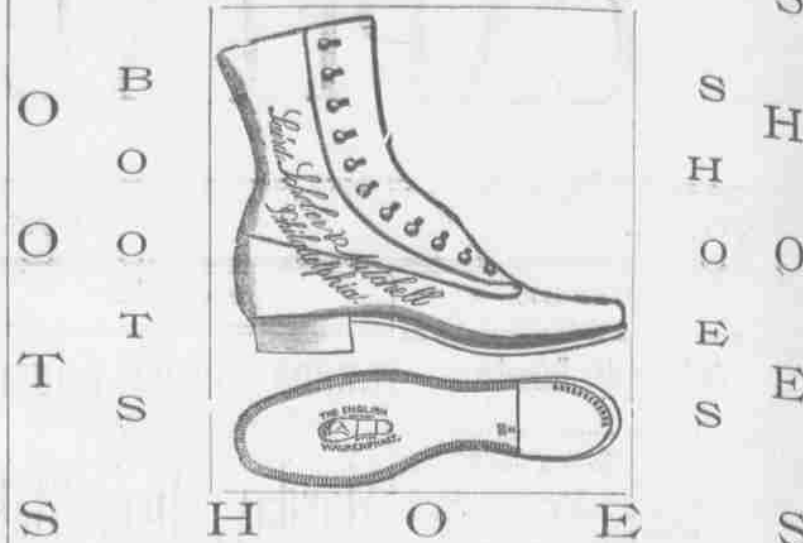
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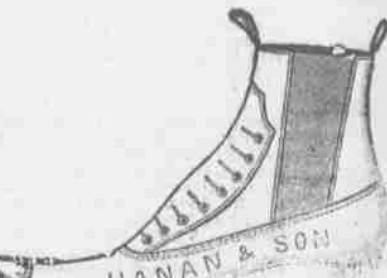
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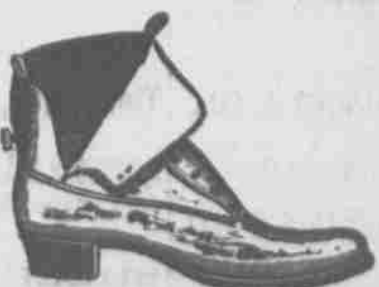
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